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Give thanks, all ye people, give thanks to the Lor Allelulias of freedom, with joyful accord. For the sunshine and rainfall, enriching again Our acres in myriads, with treasurers of grain For the earth still unloading her manifold wea For the Skies beaming vigor, the Winds breath

Give thanks-

For the Nation's wide table, o'erflowingly spr-While the many have feasted and all have fed, With no bondage, their God-given rights to

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thrall, -But Liberty guarded by Justice for all. Give thanks-

In the realms of the Anvil, the Loom, Whose the mines and the realms, to Him grat ly bow; His the flocks and the herds, sing ye hill-sides:

vales; On His Ocean domains chant His name with t gales.

Of commerce and traffic, ye princes, behold Your riches from Him whose the silver and go Before the Great Master Workmen, who bless

Brave men of our forces, life-guard of our con To your leader be loyal, Jehovah of Hosts; Glew the Stripes and the Stars aye with victo

Reflecting His glory—He crowneth the Right. Nor shall through our borders, ye stricken

Only waiting your dead, in the joy have no par God's solace be yours, and for you there shall flo All that honor and sympathy's gift can bestow. Give thanks-

In the Domes of Mosiah, ye worshipping throng Solemn litanies mingle with jubilant sorgs; The Ruler of Nations beseeching to spare, And our Empire still keep the Elect of His ca Give thanks-

Peace, Lord! righteons Peace, of Thy gift we in

And the Banner of Union restored by Thy Han-Be the Banner of Freedom o'er all in the land.

And the Banner of the Union, &c. What is a Year !

What is a year? 'Tis but a wave On life's dark rolling stream, Which is so quickly gone that we Account it but a dream,

'Tis but a single earnest throb Which tireless is, and strong as when It first with life did start

What is a year? 'Tis but a turn Of Time's old brazen wheel, Or but a page upon the book Which death must shortly seal

'Tis but a step upon the road Which we must travel o'er : A few more steps and we shall walk Life's weary rounds no more.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Nov. 31. BATTLES OF CHATTANGOGA

Splendid Fighting and Great Victo ries .- Interesting Particulars of the Engagements. - Brilliant Generalship.—Conduct of the Troops Unexcelled.—Our Gains and Losses
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this corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthis corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on his left flank, and these were developthe corps joined in the operations on the corps joined in the operations on the corps joined in the operations on the corps joined in the operations of the corps joined i

The late operations of the united armies of Tennessee and Cumberland at Chattnoga, have proven to be among Lookout with Geary's and Osterhaus, the enemy persistently holding their the most successful ones of the war; division. while at the same time they present several most interesteng examples of stratege maneuvers in the face of the enemy. We have received from a highly reliable source a full, clear and explicit statement of the several distinct movement of the late operation, and this style-to our readers. It will be seen would be so serously exposed that he would have to abandon the siege of Knoxville. Other objects of minor im- my. portance were promised by the success-

This has been so often and fully des. calibre to reach Fort Wood. As Gen. ment was made slowly and without op- against us, and all appear to be concribed of late, that any lengthy des- Wood advanced, he soon got under the position. The hill was taken possession scientious in saying that they supposed cripton would be thrown away upon fire of these guns, and suffered con- of by three o'clock in the afternoon. they had been exchanged, as they were

the public at this time. The enemy's siderably from them. line, it is understood pretty generaly Wood moved with a part of Hazen's rifle-pit there. This range commences on whole of Woods' front became immedithe north, at the mouth of Chickmauga ately engaged. He pushed forward south gradually become a connected forest which enveloped them from ridge with but slight undulations. The view from Fort Wood, a very brisk first gap of any importance is at Ross. and rapid fire. The effect of this soon proper rested at the north end of the numerous wounded from the woods. creek, the isolated peaks mentioned lance train just in the rear of the divi-

tains, bore to a point about due east le of hills, known on the map as Bald from the base of Lookout Mountain to Knobs. These were taken possession a strong lunette fort called Fort Bragg of by General Hazen's brigade, and the Here the line changed directly and ran right of General Willich, the 15th Ohio across the valley between Lookout and being the regiment which occupied Mission Ridge to a small but a deep the most important hill of the two. stream called Chattanooga creek. It THE RECONNOISSANCE THUS ENDED.

Lookout, but no defenses appear to reply that he had met with such sigsave upon the slope and summit of tant a point that it was determined to ing the interior line-very strongly de- the division of Gen. Sheridan was fended in the center, and hence with moved forward on his right to support re-enforcements arriving under Hook- him, while Gen. Howard's corps moved er and Sherman, he was enabled, by the on his left, in order to protect his flank. time his plans matured, to detach two A small but deep stream lay in Genlarge forces to attack the enemy's right Howard's front, and it was determined and left flanks, in order to keep his to obtain possession of that as a defile line extended and consequently weak- to his position. But the enemy had ened, while at the same time he suc. built strong rifl-pits on the east bank ceeded in strengthening the center, the of this stream. Though the force in

The operations were to have on begun Saturday, Nov. 21st, but owing to the heavy rains, and the partial destruction heavy rains, and the partial destruction of the pontoon bridge upon which movement was delayed indefinitely. their flank, with a vigorous attack by These palisades formed an insurmounwe present below in plain narrative On Monday rumors began to prevail back, and we found ourselves in entire that the enemy were retiring, and it frm the account, that the primary object was determined to reconnoiter in order of the movment was to get possession to develop any retiring disposition on Knob. The positions taken were enof Lookout Mountain, in order to open his part. Brig. Gen. Wood's division trenched, and the center found itself line, while Osterhause formed the third. kees,) to the valley east of the ridge, rail-road communication with Bridg- was selected by Gen. Thomas as the next morning in a strong, defensive Heavy line of skirmishers were thrown and made the ascent of Mission Ridge port. A second important object was reconnoitering force, and the whole arport. A second important object was reconnoitering force, and the whole arto make a diversion in favor of Gen.

my in Chattanooga was ordered under flanks. During the night, Captain a short time there began the oddest amanga. He then moved northward Burnside, as by forcing Bragg to raise arms and into line to meet any emer-Bridge's batteries of artillery was moved battle of the war.

GEN. WOOD'S RECONNOISANCE.

THE SITUATION BEFORE THE BATTLE. | line, but none of the guns of sufficient | end of Missionary Ridge. This move | have been forced to take up arms

assume the horriblo dimensions of the rods had been traversed, and the strengthen his position. not think it advisable to attempt to wounded, were in the hospital at Chat- forming a junction with Sherman at the of that fine brigade going in at doublecontest the occupation of the isolated tanooga, having their wounds dressed. Happier children of Labor, true Lords of the soil, peaks. On the North end of the ridge, The fight in the woods was of but short and the right of his line, he had built a duration, for General Wood finding strong bastion fort. At a point nearly the enemy safely uncoverd behind the due east of Chattanooga and nearly huge rifle pits, ordered a charge of his two miles south of the fort mentioned whole front, and the two brigades of was another. These were connected by Willich and Hazen, charging, with a strong rifle-pits, the outlines of which; yell, went into the rebel works without twere planily visible from Chattanooga a straggler. The enemy broke and but the naked eye could hardly distin. fled to his second line of works at the guish whether they were men in line mountains, losing in his disorder about of battle or into bold relief the logs, 200 prisoners, representing mainly brush, and earth which composed these Hindman's division, and a large porrude but strong works. From the fort tion belonging to the 28th Alabama in the center south a mile, ran rifle pits infantry. The enemy, finding his line to another fort, which was the left of breaking in disorder, opened a fire of the rebel line on the ridge. At the artillery from the ridge, to cover their foot of the ridge beginning near the sec- retreat, and, for a few moments, this ond or center fort, Bragg had construct- was very rigorously mainained. Little ed a serious of strong rifle-pits which or no danger was done, as our troops ran southward hugging the Moun- were now safely behind and on a couple

> nal success, and had gained so imporhold it, and orders were given him to Gen. Grant's line was shorter-be- intrench himself. At the same time sion, 4th corps, and one brigade of forward and attempted to take position Johnston's divison, 14th corps, were on the creek-it is called Citico. He sent to aid Hooker who was assaulting became engaged in a sharp skirmish, own. Seeing this, Gen. Granger sent Gen Samuel Beatty, hitherto in reserve, enemy's left flank very unexpectedly, and after a few minutes' fighting on possession of their first line of rifle-

THE SECOND DAY'S OPERATIONS. visible and material gains, the armies drove those of the enemy into their sion, holding itself in readiness to act cured several hundred prisoners. These mand this (Tunnel) hill, but from Sherengaged have added much to their de- rifle pits, along a creek, and at the as a reserve to the 15th corps, finished fellows hid in the rocks and bushes and man's position, a fine view could be serted renown, and their admirable dis- base of an issolated knob, half way be- crossing at one p. m., and had no soon- surrendered at discretion. Many of had of the rebel position half a mile cipline and espirit de corps been in- tween Chattanooga and Mission Ridge. er done so, and taken position on the them were unexchanged men taken at distant. The fort built by the rebeis creased by the success which gives At the same time the enemy opened tetes tu pont built by Sherman, than the Vicksburg, and the question has arisen was plainly visible, the guns peering them, at the same time, such increased with artiflery from the Ridge, revealing latter moved to the attack of the ene- what is to be done with them. It is over the ramparts with vicious looks. three batteries in the center of their my's supposed position on the north evident from their conduct that they The hills upon which General Sherman

As the enemy contented himself with told. firing a few shells at us from Tunnel

ON THE CENTER. mouth of Chickamauga.

saw that such an attempt "would not town road to the summit of the moun pay."

GEN. HOOKER'S ASSAULT ON LOOKOUT Gen. Hooker sent word to Gen. MOUNTAIN.

then followd the stream to the foot of Gen. Wood reported, and received in Osterhause' division of Sherman's of their works. The fight ended in a corps, and Whittaker and Grove's repulse of the enemy, but with a loss

4th corps. ing of the minuter details of the en- this short but severe attack. to a gap some miles south of the point Thus the night of Tuesday left us in the right, two brigade of Stanley's divi. ed as soon as Gen. Howard moved of Lookout but having this guarded apparently did not fear his attack. But the flanks of the enemy; but Hooker's after going to the rear of the rebel success enabled the enemy to concento ascend the mountain and formed gained. We took two pieces of field line of battle, facing northward, with artillery, but the enemy succeeded in resting against the palisades which mountain. form the cap of Lookout Mountain.

the siege and retreat, Longstreet's rear gency which might arise, and also to from Fort Wood to the summit of the mountain, and gradually driving in the rebel left. demonstrate in various directions, in or Knob, and this position it retained above the palisades, the rebels had two He also took position so as to be upon der to reveal the artillery of the ene- during the remainder of the operations. G4-pounders. On the west slope of the the rear of the line of the enemy in the mountain they had no works. On the valley. These movements occupied During the night of Monday, Gen- east, near the point of the mountain, him the greater part of the day. ful issue of the proposed contest. These A few minutes after one a. m., on eral Sherman succeeded in reaching they had a strong line of rifle-pits with two pieces of artillery. Hooker came In the meantime Gen. Sherman's not only have we gained possession of battle, and the enemy lining the crest river, opposite the mouth of Chicka- down on the western slope, his heavy 15th corps was heavily engaged in an the railroad, succored Burnside to such of the hill looking upon the magnifi- mauga Creek, preparatory to-crossing skirmish line driving everything before attack upon the rebel right, under the a degree that he is now already reliev- cent array below, the heavy siege guns at daylight in the morning. Col. Stan- it. The enemy was taken by surprise Kentucky renegades, Buckner and G. DEIFENDORF, ed, but we have captured at slight cost of Fort Wood, under charge of Lieut. ley, 18th Ohio, had the boats in order at being attacked in the rear, and hasti- Breckinridge. The hill which was be-L commence on SATURDAY Nov. 28th, of life, large numbers of prisoners and Cunwoldy of the 12th Wisconsin bat- for crossing, the steamer Dunbar being ly retreated to the rifle-pits on the east- ing attacked by Sherman, is the highest tery, opened fire, and as if it had chosen moved during the night to the same ern slope of the mountain. But it was peak of Mission Ridge, and though not In the three days' operation our loss as the signal for advance, Gen. Wood's point. At daylight Sherman began not until they had suffered very severe as rough and rugged as Lookout Monnin killed and wounded and prisoners is division moved forward. At the same crossing his three divisions under ly in prisoners. Gen. Hooker met with tain, is nevertheless very difficult of officially reported at not more than time, the pickets in his front began Ewing, M. L. and J. C. Smith, and unexpected success, and as he swept ascent. The hill or hills taken by Gen. thirty-two hundred. In addition to our skirmishing, and in being reinforced that of Gen. Davis. This latter divi-

Halting only to secure these men; was on the summit of Mission Ridge, brigade on the right, and Willich's on Hill, but made no serious opposition Hooker continued to push around the with a crotchet detachde upon Lookout the left; General Sam. Beatty being in to the occupation of the position, Sher- mountain, and had obtained a strong Mountain. Mission Ridge is a low range reserve. The 8th Kansas did the skir. man intrenched his position and pre- foothold on the spur of the point, when of mountains, not unlike those of the mishing for the entire line, and did it pared for an attack at an early hour the be found the enemy in his rifl-pits on Kentucky side of the river, from our in the usual admirable style of that ensuing morning. The enemy, on ob- the east slope, prepared to make a more baeutiful "Queen City," save the fur- fine regiment. The enemy was of course serving this heavy force on his right systematic and a stronger defense. He rows of the field and the vineyard here encountered before the first hundred flank, went vigorously to work to pushed forward, however, continuing his skirmish fighting on a heavy scale. This engagement was kept up very The center was held during Tuesday seriously until late in the afternoon, Creek, in a cluster of peaks, rather iso- rapidly, driving the enemy before them by Generals Granger, Palmer and How- when a charge was made and the enelated from each other, but as they run into their rifle pits, and began in the ard, Gen. Granger remained quiet, only my driven from his rifle-pits. They occasionally opening from Bridge's bat- were immediately occupied by Geary. tery on the rebel centre. Gen. Palmer But the enemy rallied and made a remained quiet in an imposing and charge for the possession of the works ville. The right of the enemy's line became apparent by the appearance of threatening attitude, facing toward the they had just relinquished. They made valley between Lookout and Missiona- one desperate effort. Geary, out of connected ridge at the mouth of the These made their way to the ambu. ry Ridge. One of his brigades was ammunition, was about being overpowalso sent to Hooker. Gen. Howard's ered, when reinforcements arrived unnot being occupied. The enemy had sion, and under cover of the railroad, corps (11th) was employed during the der Gen. Carlin, and the 38th Indiana, such a long line to hold that he did and in twenty minutes after being day in opening communications and 2d and 33d Ohio, and other regiments quick, the enemy gave up and fell back. This was effected without serious under a murderous fire, to hastily conopposition by noon, but the line held stucted works in the rear, and covering by Gen. Howard was allowed to be the Summertown road. Carlin had very extended and weak, as if Grant come up about dusk, and his repulse courted an attack upon that part of it, of the enemy left us in possession of He would very willingly have had his their works and the entire field. We center broken at that point, but the had only to push on about five hundred rebels who had a full need of everthing yards to get possession of the Summer-

Thomas at nighfall that he had taken While Gen. Sherman proceeded to these works, and could hold his posidemonstrate upon the rebel right, Gen. tion. But not content with what he Hooker made an attack on the rebel had already gained, Hooker determined left on Lookout Mountain. It is not to push on and endeavor to get possesclear which movement was the feint, sion of the summit or cap of the mounor if either was so intended, but it is tain that night. Reforming his line, believed that the aim and intention was with Grove on the left, then Wood's to draw the rebels to either wing in or- brigade, Carlin on the centre, when der to give the disengaged and fresh Whittaker with two regiments of Oscenter an opportunity to storm the terhause' on the right, which still resheights and cut the rebels in two. ted against the palisades, he began However this may have been intended, again to advance, and succeeded in an it was subsequently discovered that hour's fight in intrenching himself two the enemy, trusting to the natural hundred yards nearer the Summertown strength of Lookout, had left a small road. While engaged in throwing up force of two brigades to hold it, and that night works by which they had not weakened their center to any strengthened their position, the 2d great extent. In order to take this Ohio, Col. Anson McCook, was furious. position, or to compel its reinforcement, ly attacked by the enemy's sharpshoot-Gen. Hooker began the attack on the ers. A sharp fight ensued. The 2d mountain at an early hour, with Gen. Ohio boys were eager to be at the ene-Geary's division of the 12th corps, Gen. my, and could not be kept under cover brigades of Stanley's division of the of several officers wounded, and four men killed. Among the efficers wound-Our informant was cut off from Gen. ed were Capt. Warnick and Lieut. Hooker's command by the destruction Emery, Company C.; color corporals of the bridges and knows little or noth- Jones and Mills were also wounded in

gagement. It appears however, that This position Gen. Hooker held dur-Gen. Hooker moved up the valley west ing the night. In the morning it was old Army of the Cumberland, by How. Wood's front had been routed, there of Lookout Mountain toward Trenton. found the enemy had evacuated the ard's corps. Subsequently, however, still remained a force in the works on The enemy supposed him to be moving position, and Hooker took possession. possession of two strong positions on force, posted on the point about three trate his line at a disadvantage which was miles, Gen, Hooker immediately began far outweighed by the advantage Gen. Geary on the front line, his right getting away his heavy guns on the

> THE THIRD DAY'S OPERATIONS. Immediately after taking possession Gen. Howard in front, the enemy fell table obstacle to the ascent of the force of the mountain, Gen. Hooker moved to the summit. His right resting his column southward by the road on against these, his left extended about the summit, descending by Micksjack pits and the important portion of Bald half way down the mountain. Whit- trace (the route taken by Gen. Jackon top of the ridge, taking in Rossville,

Dadad I-I-